

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicant would like to acknowledge, with thanks, the Office Action that was mailed on February 6, 2007. This amendment is responsive to the February 6, 2007 Office Action. Reconsideration of this application as now amended is requested.

The Examiner acknowledged that claims 7, 17 and 27 were directed to allowable subject matter, but were objected to for depending off a rejected base claim. Accordingly, new claim 31 is the equivalent of claim 7 rewritten in independent form containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claims 32-35 directly depend from claim 31 and thus contain each and every element of claim 31. Therefore, claims 32-35 should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 31. New claim 36 is the equivalent of claim 17 rewritten in independent form containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claims 37-40 directly depend from claim 36 and thus contain each and every element of claim 36. Therefore, claims 37-40 should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 36. New claim 41 is the equivalent of claim 27 rewritten in independent form, containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claims 41-

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 18-23 and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious in view of the combination of US Patent 7,107,051 to Walker (*hereinafter* Walker I) and US Patent Application Publication 2005/0032506 to Walker (*hereinafter* Walker II). Claims 4-6, 14-16 and 24-26 stand rejected as being obvious in view of the combination of Walker I, Walker II and US Patent Application Publication 2003/00093663 to Walker. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested as these claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

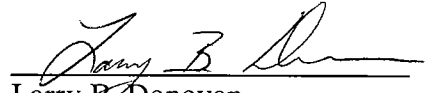
For the reasons just set forth, only claims indicated as allowable by the examiner and claims directly dependent from these claims are now pending. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the

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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902,
referencing our Docket No. 72255/00013.

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